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SUBJ: PROPOSED COCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SINCE RETURN TO LIMA OF NARCOTICS ADVISOR, HE AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR HAVE HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. FERNANDO CABIESES, WHO INITIATED THE ORIGINAL NIDA COCA CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, ABOUT THE COCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE (REFTEL). CABIESES, WHILE CONTINUING TO FAVOR COCA RESEARCH PROJECTS (HE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE NIDA CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE HELD IN LIMA), IS CONCERNED THAT THE LATEST PROPOSAL INCLUDES GOVERNMENT "POLICY PLANNERS" FOR THE REGION. CABIESES NOTES THAT NOT ONLY PERU BUT BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR ARE IN A STATE OF POLITICAL TRANSITION AND THAT UNTIL THEIR INTERNAL POLICIES ARE ESTABLISHED UNDER NEW REGIMES, LITTLE PRODUCTIVE COULD BE EXPECTED OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. AS TO THE RESEARCH ASPECT OF THE CONFERENCE, HE CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT THERE IS A NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT IS KNOWN AND WHAT NEEDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION, AND HE IS DRAWING UP A MEMORANDUM FOR US OUTLINING HIS PROPOSALS, WHICH HE SAID HE WILL SUBMIT NEXT WEEK. THIS WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT WHEN AVAILABLE.

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2. COMMENT: CABIESES UNDERSTANDS THAT DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN COCA CONFERENCE IS TO LINK RESEARCH TO NARCOTICS CONTROL POLICIES OF HOST GOVERNMENT BUT IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENT POLITICAL FLUX IN THE REGION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS WE REVIEW HIS PROPOSAL BEFORE PROCEEDING. IF A SUITABLE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL CAN BE WORKED OUT, CABIESES, WHO IS LINKED TO THE MINISTRY OF

HEALTH, SAYS HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ORGANIZE IT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN PERU WOULD PROBABLY PRECLUDE GOP FROM OFFERING ANY SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY INVOLVING FOREIGN EXCHANGE (TRAVEL COSTS, ETC.) END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. CABIESES, WHO IS AN APRA CANDIDATE FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, IS ALSO RUMORED POSSIBLY TO BE THE NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH IF THE GOP DECIDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CIVILIANS IN THE CABINET AND INCLUDE PARTISAN REPRESENTATION. SHLAUDEMAM

NOTE BY OC/T: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

NOTE #2 : ##WRONG REFERENCE.

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